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1. Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day

The Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day is September 9, 2014. The National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (NOFAS) has set up a Thunderclap campaign for September 9. This means that for all who sign up, the same message will go out from your Facebook, Twitter, or Tumblr account on September 9 at 9:09am Eastern -- "Today is FASD Awareness Day! There's no known safe amount of alcohol while pregnant. #FASDay <http://thndr.it/1mCE6LU>". Sign up at <https://www.thunderclap.it/en/projects/14986-fasd-awareness-day> to participate. ***There needs to be 100 participants for it to happen.***

2. Working With the Experts: Deaf/Hard of Hearing - Information, Tools, and Resources for Florida's Model Communication Plan

The Resource Materials and Technology Center (RMTTC) in collaboration with Outreach Services for the Blind/Visually Impaired and Deaf/Hard of Hearing (OSBD) will be hosting a 4-day workshop to provide resources, training, and tools related to the implementation of the Model Communication Plan (MCP) on **September 18, 19, 20, and 21, 2014** at the Double Tree Hilton Orlando Downtown. This workshop will provide participants with the choice of three (3) tracks; Track 1 for those who work with students who use American Sign Language (ASL), Track 2 for those who work with children who are Auditory-Oral, and Track 3 for Administrators and/or other Specialty topics. In addition, we are also offering an opportunity to hear from Monica Verra-Tirado, Exceptional Student Education Bureau Chief as well as an opportunity to learn about a plethora of resources and support available to all districts.

Participants can pick and choose which days they would like to attend and are not required to attend all four (4) days. This workshop is FREE and some sessions include free materials. Space is limited. Registration is required and can be found at <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=nozl6lfab&oeidk=a07e9kn6nu2a77c4faa>

A draft agenda is also attached. Please contact Carmelina Hollingsworth at 904-827-2660 or c.hollingsworth@rmtcosbd.org for further information.

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3. Save the Date: 2015 Partnering for Success Statewide Meeting

The upcoming 2015 ***Partnering for Success*** statewide training event is scheduled for May 13-15, 2015 in Orlando, Florida at the Caribe Royale. The goal of this meeting is to provide training, technical assistance, and opportunities for networking and collaboration among early intervention and early childhood professionals. The registration fee is \$60. Continuing Education Units (CEU's) will be available for many of the breakout sessions. Please share the attached Save the Date flyer with others.

MEDICAID UPDATES:

4. Medicaid Alerts and Questions

The Florida Medicaid program has created an e-mail alert system to supplement the present method of receiving Provider Alerts information and to alert registered subscribers of "late-breaking" health care information. An e-mail will be delivered to your mailbox when Medicaid policy clarifications or other health care information is available that is appropriate for your selected area and provider type. Visit the **Florida Medicaid's Health Care Alerts** page at

<http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/alerts/alerts.shtml> to subscribe now, or to unsubscribe or update your subscription at any time. Please direct questions about Medicaid policies to your local Medicaid area office. The Medicaid area offices' addresses and phone numbers are available on the **Area Offices** web page at

http://portal.flmmis.com/FLPublic/Provider_AreaOffices/tabId/37/Default.aspx.



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